

After graduating from Father Duenas Memorial High School in 1967, attending the University of Guam and Texas State Technical Institute, Sonny returned to Guam and joined Shelton Music Company, his family's business. He later established AJS Incorporated and expanded his business interests to include other vending machines, amusement devices and real estate.

Sonny Shelton was a civic minded individual who devoted much time to community organizations including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Guam Shrine Club, Aloha Temple. He was a volunteer for the University of Guam's 4-H Summer Youth Fishing Program. He served as president of the Father Duenas Memorial School's Football Booster Club. He was active in his church where he served as a brother of the 2nd Community of the Neo-Catechumenal Way of Nino Perdido Catholic Parish in Asan.

Sonny was an avid fisherman who participated in many deep sea fishing events and his love of outdoor sports extended to off-road racing where he enjoyed success as a driver.

Austin J. "Sonny" Shelton was the only child of the late Austin James Shelton, a successful Guam entrepreneur and Amanda Pangelinan Guzman Shelton, a professional nurse. He is survived by his widow, Graciella Shinohara Shelton, his children, and their spouses, Raymond and Melinda Shelton Slatery; Madeleine Shelton, Austin Shelton II, and Amanda Shelton; and his grandchildren Trinidad, Kaya, Mariana, Raymond and Gabrielle. He is dearly missed by his family and friends, and our community extends our sympathy to them.

#### HONORING COLTON R. ZIRKLE

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Colton R. Zirkle a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colton R. Zirkle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, September 15, 2008, and was unable to cast votes on the House floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted yea on H. Res. 1200—Honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families; yea on H. Con. Res. 390—Honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States; and yea on H.R. 6889—To extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to ensure continued access to Federal student loans, for 1 year.

#### RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF GLADYS CANNON

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and lifelong Democrat, Gladys Cannon, who passed away on September 8, 2008, at her home in West Covina, California. Gladys was a beloved wife, mother, friend, activist, and community leader who will be missed by her peers and the beloved community she devoted her life to serving. I am proud to have called Gladys my friend and I join her husband Frank and her family in mourning her passing.

Throughout her life, Gladys never failed to become involved in helping her community. She had the heart of an activist and the soul of a fighter and she never failed to fight for progressive values. She was a proud member of the Teamsters Union and an active and ardent Democrat. She worked hard to ensure that working families would have their voices heard. Our community will be forever grateful for Gladys's civic activism and volunteerism.

In addition to being a community activist, Gladys was an avid sports fan who always looked forward to March Madness and rooting for USC, the Los Angeles Lakers, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Green Bay Packers. Gladys also loved to travel. Her fondest memories were of cruises to Alaska and trips to England and Ireland. Gladys loved to live life and she always did so with a cunning smile and fighting spirit. Gladys will always be remembered and missed for the special joy she brought us all.

Gladys will be remembered for her lifetime dedication to her community and fighting spirit. She was a heartfelt champion of women and working families. I extend my sympathy to Gladys's family in this difficult time, and especially to her beloved husband Frank Cannon whom she greatly loved. Gladys will be dearly missed.

#### CONGRATULATING COLBY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Colby College Museum of Art for being accredited by the American Association of Museums, AAM. Accredited since 1995, and re-accredited recently,

the museum joins 10 other museums from Maine and 775 nationwide to receive this honor. Accreditation recognizes the Colby College museum's commitment to public service, professional standards, and excellence in education.

The Colby College Museum of Art is a powerful community presence and leader in communicating the value and importance of art. The museum is more than just a collection of great works of art; it is also an incredible educational resource for the state of Maine. It offers hands-on workshops, morning story times for children and various lectures from faculty at Colby, visiting speakers, and student docents.

The Colby College Museum of Art extends its reach far beyond the Colby College campus, sharing its astounding collection with community members of all ages and providing a place for study for faculty and students. I have no doubt that the museum will continue this mission of service and education well into the future, and congratulate the museum once again on this deserved accreditation by the American Association of Museums.

#### HONORING ALEXANDER J. EICHSTADT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Alexander J. Eichstadt, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander J. Eichstadt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY JO SHARPE

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Jo Sharpe, a shining example of a true lady, in my hometown of Somerset, Kentucky. Sadly, Mary Jo passed away on July 8, 2008, at the age of 76.

Mary Jo and her husband of 58 years, Jim Sharpe, are lifelong residents of Pulaski County, Kentucky. Together, they were one of the most thriving and generous entrepreneurial couples that Southern Kentucky has ever seen. Through hard work during their life together they started and operated numerous successful business ventures. They led a distinguished career in grocery and food retail